SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, REVENUE DEPARTMENT.—

A.—(*a*) Total area of wet lands .. 9,77,851 acres.
Do. garden „ .. 3,03,769 acres.

(*b*) Annual Revenue.—

Information is not readily available. It will be obtained and furnished to the Members.

The rates of assessment on lands under river channels are higher than those on lands under tanks on account of the water supply being more assured.

(*c*) Lands irrigated by river channels .. 1,25,601 acres.
Lands under tanks .. 7,44,247 acres.

(*d*) There is difference between the rates fixed on lands under major and minor tanks for the same reason as is explained under (*b*).

The suggestion of the Members for reducing the rate to Rs. 3 per acre for lands under minor tanks is not understood as the existing rate is as low as Rs. 1-4-0 in some cases.

MR. H. KRISHNAMURTHI ACHAR, MULBAGAL TALUK.—

Q.—3. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

How long is it since the appointment of the Retrenchment Committee? In which of the Departments and to what extent in each, have the Committee reduced the expenditure? And in which other Departments have they proposed to reduce the expenditure and in what respects? And what may be the probable savings annually by such reduction?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—The Special Finance Committee began its sittings on 13th February 1922 and has submitted an *ad interim* report which is placed before the Assembly.

MESSRS. BHASKARAPPA, SRINIVASAPUR TALUK AND T. SRINIVASACHAR, KOLAR TOWN MUNICIPALITY.—

Q.—4. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) What is the total amount of the Railway Cess collected till now Districtwar?

(2) What amount, out of the total collections from the Railway Cess, has till now been spent over the construction of Railways?

(3) How is the amount realised from the Railways so constructed, being spent?

(4) Is there any time limit for the levy of the Railway Cess?

(5) Or, will the Government render this Cess permanent?

(6) How many Committees of local representatives are there to supervise the *jama-kharch* of the Railway Cess?

(7) If no such Committees exist at present, do the Government contemplate the organisation of any Boards?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, REVENUE DEPARTMENT.—

A.—(1) Amount of Railway Cess collected is as follows:—

Kolar .. Rs. 4,37,426
Shimoga .. Rs. 1,41,722 up to the end of the year 1920-21 *plus* Rs. 21,811-2-11 up to the end of March 1922.
Tumkur .. Rs. 2,15,485 up to the end of February 1922.
Mysore .. Rs. 2,38,855 Do.
Chitaldrug .. Rs. 3,00,659.
Kadur .. Rs. 2,22,242 up to the end of March 1922.
Bangalore and Hassan.. Railway Cess not levied.